

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 12, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 22

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Appropriation for the Removal of the Bas Relief Sculpture from the Lobby of the Circuit Court**

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate ~~\$25,000~~ \$10,000 for the removal of the bas relief sculpture from the lobby of the Circuit Court.

SUMMARY: As directed, staff has sought final estimates for the removal of the bas relief sculpture from the lobby of the Circuit Court. I have also met with the judges of the Circuit Court to discuss their expectations regarding the appearance of the lobby area once the sculpture is removed. They have indicated that the placement of the seal of the Commonwealth on the wall would be appropriate. The latest estimate for the complete removal of the sculpture, including the two inscribed, interpretive side panels is \$60,000. This includes \$20,000 for the removal and replacement of the wall on which the sculpture is mounted, \$30,000 for the removal of the inscribed panels and their replacement, if similar marble can be found, and a \$10,000 contingency from which the seal would be purchased (estimated at \$6000).

I believe that this cost is excessive and propose that the two interpretive side panels remain in the lobby indefinitely. Additional estimates for removal of the sculpture wall are being sought and staff is also considering an alternative plan that would remove the metal sculpture from the wall, either patch or cover the holes, and hang the seal. Therefore, I believe that the requested appropriation of \$25,000 is adequate and would intend to actually spend less. I am seeking this appropriation now so that there will be no further delay in carrying out Council's direction.

PRIOR ACTION(S): September 24, 2002 Council directed the removal of the sculpture.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$25,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne, Gaynelle Hart

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Amended

BE IT RESOLVED That ~~\$25,000~~ \$10,000 is appropriated to the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for the removal or the bas relief sculpture in the lobby of the Circuit Court.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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